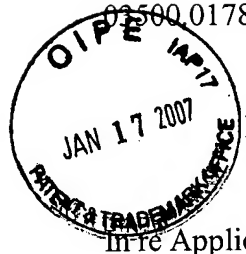


TPO

02500.017889.

PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YOSHIKATSU OKADA ) Examiner: Bradley L. Sisson  
Application No.: 10/770,458 ) Group Art Unit: 1634  
Filed: February 4, 2004 )  
For: PROBE MEDIUM AND )  
METHOD OF PRODUCING )  
THE SAME ) January 11, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

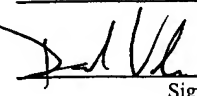
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for  
response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2006 for one month from December 11,  
2006, to January 11, 2007.

01/18/2007 CNEGA1 00000026 10770450  
01 FC:1251 120.00 OP

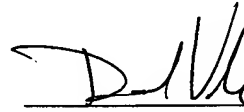
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the  
United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope  
addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria,  
VA 22313-1450 on

January 11, 2007  
(Date of Deposit)  
Damond E. Vadnais, Reg. No. 52,310  
(Name of Attorney for Applicant)  
 January 11, 2007  
Signature Date of Signature

Submitted herewith is a check for \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



---

Damond E. Vadnais  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 52,310

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3800  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

CA\_MAIN 126069v1